

Weston Town Committee for the Oversight of the Lachat Property

MINUTES

May 1, 2013

Present: Committee Members: Ellen McCormick (chair), Amy Kalafa, Carol Baldwin, Paul Deysenroth, Nicholas Bell, Michelle Fracasso (Guest: Margaret Wirtenberg)

Absent: Judy Saffan

Presided By: Ellen McCormick,

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

- A. The Committee discussed a proposal submitted by Silvia Erskine to do a Master Plan for the property. Committee members, after reviewing the proposal, had several questions about it. Ellen will contact Silvia about those questions.
- B. A presentation to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) of our Committee's Master Plan is scheduled for May 16, at regularly scheduled meeting of the BOS.
- C. Roof replacement: Nick brought in 2 possible shingles he would recommend for the Godfrey House roof: an Atlantic white cedar (sourced from Maine) or an Alaskan yellow cedar. He felt either of these options would last 100 years vs. a more typical red cedar shingle.
- D. Four interns who will be working with the Town Sustainability Committee will be able to help at Lachat Farm from May 20 through June 14. Ellen asked Committee members to submit ideas of projects at Lachat that they could help with and to consider helping to supervise their work.
- E. Carol mentioned that we will need approval from the Nature Conservancy to tap the trees on their portion of the property for maple sugaring. Ellen hopes to schedule a meeting with the new local Nature Conservancy representative.
- F. Paul stressed that the fields need to be mowed and that, with the dry weather, it is a fire hazard. The Committee assumes that the Town would be responsible for doing this work.
- G. Margaret suggested that we might approach the Town about applying for a STEAP grant to cover the costs of creating a parking area.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE HELD ON Tuesday, May 14 AT 7:30 PM in Town Hall.

(Minutes submitted by Carol Baldwin.)